

Fly Tying by Lucy

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Lucy Bolduc poses with her 2019 and 2021 flies. (Denise MacKay photo)



Lucy Bolduc at the 2019 Rangeley Regatta (Denise MacKay photo)

STRATTON — Lucy Bolduc, a sixth grader at Stratton School has come a long way since her first attempts at fly tying.

In 2019, she signed up for the fly tying competition at the Rangeley Regatta after a family friend gave her some fly tying lessons. She said that on the day of the competition she was a bit overwhelmed and unsure of how to use the tools provided because she was initially taught to tie using her fingers alone.

Fast forward to May 2021 with some additional practice and instruction under her belt, Bolduc was commissioned by Stratton School Principal Barry O. London to create two new flies for the upcoming fishing season.



Lucy Bolduc's "Fraggle Turds" from 2019. (Denise MacKay photo)

The materials used to construct these flies were generously donated to Stratton School by The Rangeley Region Sport Shop. The owners of the Sport Shop, Brett and Sue Damm, have been extremely supportive and instrumental in introducing many area students to the sport of fly fishing.

The sixth annual Rangeley Regatta is scheduled to take place Sept. 24 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Outdoor Heritage Museum in Oquossoc.

For more information about the Regatta, visit the Rangeley Lakes Chamber of Commerce at www.rangeleymaine.com.

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